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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2002, please enter the following remarks. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

Claims 22-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. The rejection is respectfully traversed.